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August 8, 2013

Water System No. 4901165

Gerry Guglielmetti
Jehovah's Witnesses Hall
1212 Hagemann Lane
Rohnert Park, CA94928

CITATION NO. 02-18-13C-039


TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION FOR JUNE 2013

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Jehovah's Witnesses Hall (System) public water system.

Your System will be billed at the Department's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$126.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation since this is an enforcement action for noncompliance with State regulations. At this time, we have spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation. You will receive a bill sent from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento on approximately August 1, 2014. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on your System.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Cindi Lee of my staff at (707) 576-2422 or me at (707) 576-2006.

Sincerely,


Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
Sonoma District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: Jehovah's Witnesses Hall

Water System No:4901165

To: Jehovah's Witnesses Hall
1212 Hagemann Lane
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Issued: August 8, 2013

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

With Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations Section 64423

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the State of California Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues a citation to the Jehovah's Witnesses Hall (System) for failure to comply with Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 64423 and 64423.1.



APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
- (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.



1 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64423 states in relevant part:

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3 (a) Each water supplier shall collect routine bacteriological water samples as
4 follows:

5 (3) The minimum number of samples for transient-noncommunity water
6 systems using groundwater and serving 1000 or fewer persons a
7 month shall be one in each calendar quarter during which the system
8 provides water to the public.

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10 California Code of Regulations, Section 64423.1 states in relevant part:

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12 (c) Analytical results of all required samples collected for a system in a calendar
13 month shall be reported to the Department not later than the tenth day of the
14 following month.

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16 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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19 As of the date of this Citation, the Department has not received results for a
20 routine bacteriological sample collected from the distribution system of the
21 Jehovah's Witnesses Hall during the second quarter (April/May/June) 2013.

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23 **DETERMINATIONS**

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25 **THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED:**

26 The System violated Title 22 of the CCR, Section 64423 and 64423.1, in
27 that the System failed to collect a routine bacteriological from the distribution



1 system of the Jehovah's Witnesses Hall during the second quarter
2 (April/May/June) 2013.
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4 DIRECTIVES

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7 Jehovah's Witnesses Hall is hereby directed to take the following actions:
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9 1. Comply with Section 64423 and 64423.1, Title 22, of the California
10 Code of Regulations in all future monitoring periods.
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12 2. Notify all persons served by the System of the MCL violation in
13 conformance with Section 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR,
14 and as follows:
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17 a) Completion of Attachment A to include the name, address, and
18 telephone number of a System representative as a source of
19 additional information concerning the public notice. **You must also**
20 **give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of the**
21 **corrective actions taken by the water system to prevent this**
22 **violation from occurring in the future. You must use the**
23 **space provided in Attachment A for this written description.**
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26 b) Post the notice contained in Attachment A, **after it has been**
27 **completed in accordance with (a) above**, in conspicuous



1 locations throughout the area served by the System. Posting
2 must begin no later than **September 2, 2013** and must continue
3 for seven days.

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5 c) Publish the notice contained in Attachment A, **after it has been**
6 **completed in accordance with (a) above**, in a local newspaper
7 of general circulation in the area served by the System (or weekly
8 newspaper if no daily paper is available) for one day. The
9 publication in a local newspaper must be completed by
10 **September 9, 2013.**

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12 d) Provide public notice for this violation in accordance with Section
13 64465(c), Title 22 or the CCR, which requires for each non-
14 English speaking group that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of
15 the residents in a community (whichever is less) that the public
16 notice contain information in the appropriate language(s)
17 regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone
18 number or address where such residents may contact the water
19 system to receive a translated copy of the notice or to receive
20 assistance in the appropriate language.

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22 3. **This Water System shall collect one bacteriological water**
23 **sample per month from the distribution system for the next three**
24 **consecutive months.** Specifically, one bacteriological water sample
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1 must be collected in each of the following three months: August,
2 September and November 2013. The results of these samples must
3 be submitted directly to this Department by the analytical laboratory,
4 and they must be received no later than the tenth day of the month
5 following sampling.
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- 8 4. The System shall complete the attached Compliance Certification
9 form and return it to the Department within 10 days of the public
10 notice being given to the system customers but in no case later than
11 **September 23, 2013. A copy of the notice published in the**
12 **newspaper and a copy of the notice posted in the water system,**
13 **must be attached to the form.**
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16 The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this
17 Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such
18 modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be
19 effective upon issuance.
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22 Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the
23 requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104,
24 Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation,
25 standard, permit or order issued thereunder.
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1 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department
2 at the following address: Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
3 Department of Public Health
4 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
5 50 D Street, Suite 200
6 Santa Rosa, CA 95404

7 **PARTIES BOUND**

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9 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers,
10 directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

11 **SEVERABILITY**

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13 The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply
14 with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of
15 any provision.
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17 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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20 Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with Section 116270) of the
21 California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to: issue
22 additional citations with assessment of penalties if the System continues to
23 fail to correct a violation identified in a citation; take action to suspend or
24 revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the System
25 has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with orders
26 of the Department; and petition the superior court to take various
27 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to



1 comply with orders of the Department. The Department does not waive any
2 further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.
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6 Janice M. Thomas

7 August 8, 2013

8 Janice M. Thomas, P.E.

Date

9 Sonoma District Engineer

10 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

11 Attachments

12 Certified Mail No. 7012 2210 0002 16 73 9865
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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number 02-18-13C-039

Name of Water System: **Jehovah's Witnesses Hall**

System Number: **4901165**

Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the sampling violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of June 2013.

Required Action

Date Completed

Complete Attachment A, as required in Directive 2(a)

Public Notification – Continuous Posting for 7 Days

Public Notification – Newspaper

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the notice posted and a copy published in the newspaper.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Jehovah's Witnesses Hall Failed to Test for Coliform Bacteria in April/May/June 2013

Our water system failed to test the drinking water for coliform bacteria during the second quarter (April/May/June) 2013. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know about this violation – what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or giving out copies by hand or mail.

What happened? We are required by state regulations to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of this routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not the drinking water meets health standards. During April, May and June 2013, we did not test for coliform bacteria and, therefore, cannot be sure of the bacteriological quality of the drinking water during that time.

What does this mean? Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform bacteria are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered safe from bacteria. If they are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the water quality. Our failure to test the drinking water for bacteria during April, May and June 2013 was a violation of Section 64423, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

What should I do? This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What corrective actions have been taken to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact:

(name)

(address)

(phone number)